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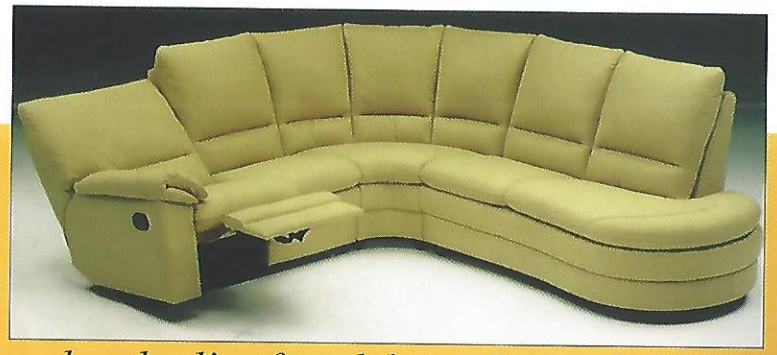

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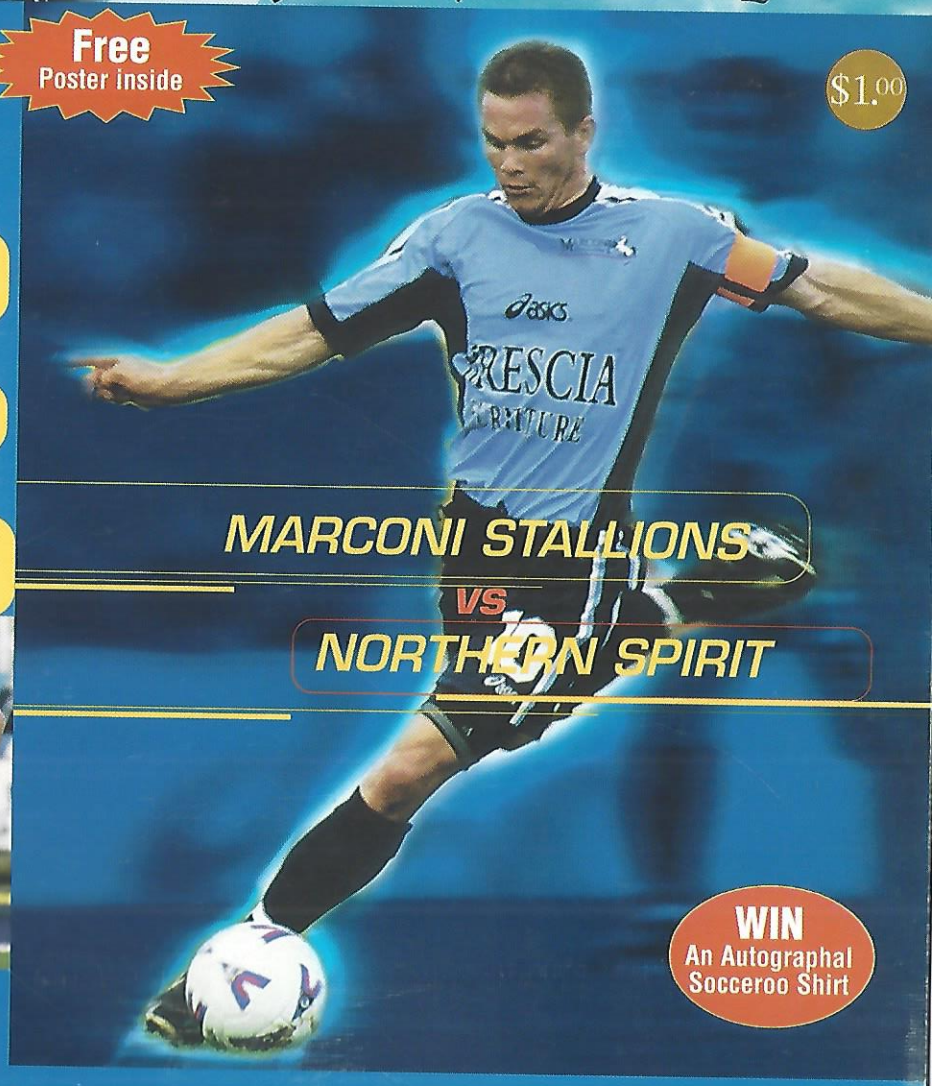

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the game

This is it folks - already acknowledged as the match of any season: MARCONI STALLIONS vs NORTHERN SPIRIT.

We are guaranteed and indeed blessed, by virtue of the curious draw, with four such fixtures this season with the anticipation of potentially another two should the semi-final draw be favourable again this season. It is of course presumptuous to already be discussing both clubs vying for the National Soccer League crown in the playoffs, particularly considering the respective positioning of the teams on the ladder. However, it is widely accepted that the current placement of our northern rivals is simply a short-lived delusion, which will surely be remedied by April next year.

Northern Spirit has too many fine players to be languishing in 15th position on the ladder, thus making tonight an extremely dangerous match for us. A big derby clash is always a recognised panacea to any lack of enthusiasm, last seasonís clashes between our clubs have guaranteed that. The fans know it, the media know it and certainly the players know it. These are the matches that make sport such a special vehicle for passion. Every code has them and in the space of one short year, the reading of "Marconi Stallions versus Northern Spirit" already conjures feelings of importance to the respective fans. This is truly a credit to the rivalry and only enhances the National Soccer League.

On 'housekeeping' matters, congratulations to our Club Captain, Brad Maloney for his selection into the Aussie camp for this week's internationals against the might of Brazil. We wish the boys all the best of luck in this series, the first under the control of Frank Farina. Whilst on Socceroo matters we have been fortunate enough to have secured an autographed Socceroo shirt. This is the prize on offer that we intend giving away to a lucky reader of "Marconi Football". See Page 29 for all details on how to enter and indeed win this unique competition.

With this 1999/2000 season being one of the most open on record, unpredictable results seem to be the order of any given week. The current ladder is testimony to this fact. However, as unrealistic as it looks at the moment, we can ill afford to feel overconfident against Northern Spirit tonight. Nothing is quite as dangerous as a cornered adversary. Their pride has been wounded and we should expect a fighting effort to restore the "Northern Esprit de Corps".

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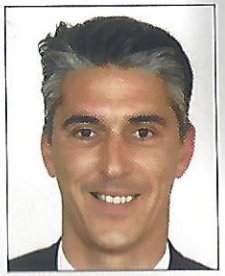


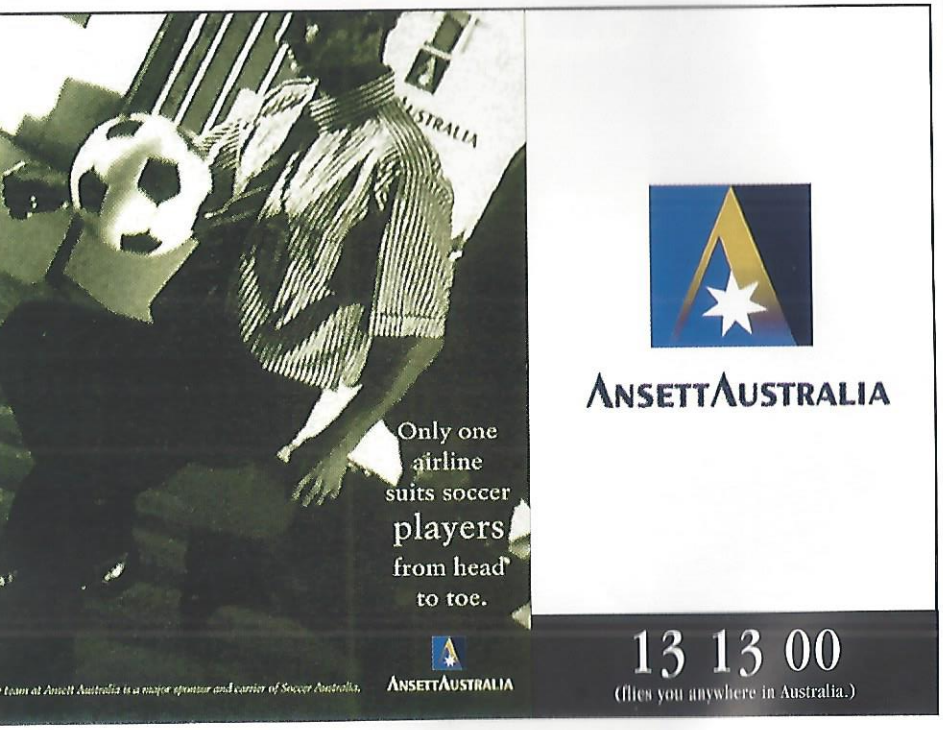
ur 3-2 victory over the Newcastle Breakers eight days ago has left me with a few selection headaches for tonight's derby clash with Northern Spirit. These selection problems though, are problems any coach py to have; as players returning from injury vie for e in a winning team. Newcastle is never an easy to return from with three points, particularly after down 2-1 down midway through the second half. oys showed the necessary skill and character to back and win the match through second half s from Kris Trajanovski and Danny Invincible.

ven though we won at Newcastle, a couple of sive lapses allowed our opponents back into the . During training this week, we have analysed this ion along with the respective positives and ives. One of the positive aspects from this game is e can still look for improvement.

am the first to admit that I have worked the players ard since I took over the coaching reins at Marconi. dingly, as a result of winning in Newcastle on the first team squad was rewarded with a much ciated bonus - the weekend off!

After 6 games things are starting to come together nicely, but as always there is room for improvement. Particularly encouraging to me has been how some players have come into the side, and grabbed their chance to shine. Christian Care, Michael Turnbull and Danny Invincibile are good examples of this. The 34 game season is a fairly long one by Australian standards and injuries; suspensions and form lapses will always result in opportunities for players to come into the side. It is up to those players who come in, to make the most of it.

Tonight we welcome Northern Spirit to Marconi Stadium. Although only one season old, there already exists a fierce 'derby' rivalry atmosphere between the two clubs. Spirit's large support should help put the 'house-full' signs up at the Stadium, and whilst Spirit may not be travelling as well as they would like at this stage of the season, nobody should be under any illusions as to how difficult this game will be for us. In any derby game, the formbook can be thrown out the window. It promises to be an entertaining, passionate clash between two great local rivals.



the bugsy files

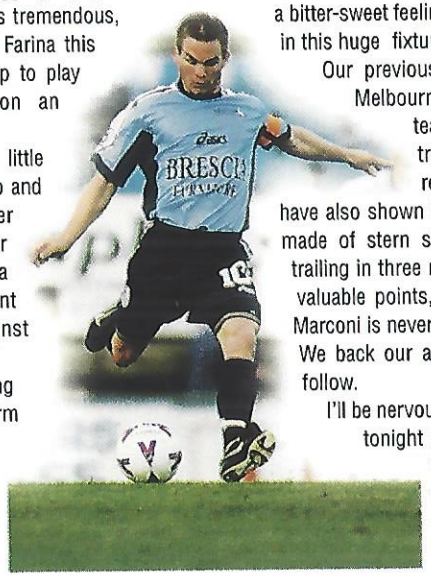
tain of the Marconi Stallions 1999/2000 National Soccer League squad, Brad Maloney, rs readers his views and insights on our team's progress throughout the season.

What a difference a month makes. A mere 4 weeks ago the doom and gloom merchants were out in force as we capitulated to Carlton in our very first e match of the season. Three matches later and we sitting in the top 4 and premature predictions of her championship are being bandied about by the same people who wrote us off after our Carlton ch. It is the fickle nature of sport and accordingly a good reason to ignore the respective positioning he current ladder when looking to predict a result in match so early in the season.

n a personal note, this past month was equally tic. Coming back from a nagging injury and ring on my season debut was tremendous, receiving a call from Frank Farina this k to join the Socceroo camp to play zil was truly the icing on an edibly tasting cake.

must admit that I was a little prised to have been called up and always there is no greater our than to represent your ntry. Of course, as Australia s on Sunday, I will be absent m tonightís match against thern Spirit.

The Spirit are currently going ough a bit of a decline in form nothing motivates players of a slump more that a local by. There are too many good yers in the Spirit squad to derestimate them and weíll have to be on our game to continue on our winning run. Another thing to consider and indeed remember is the thumping we received at the hands of Northern Spirit last season. This is still the only match I have played against them and although the circumstance of my absence tonight differs from the lament of injury, it is a bitter-sweet feeling to again miss out on playing in this huge fixture.



Our previous home match against South Melbourne showed what this Marconi team is capable of. It was a tremendous effort and I hope we replicate this form tonight. We have also shown the fans that this team is truly made of stern stuff. Having come back from trailing in three matches this season to pick up valuable points, itís an encouraging sign that Marconi is never defeated until the final whistle. We back our ability and the results naturally follow.

Iíll be nervously watching the boys out there tonight and hope we can continue our winning run before our home fans whom I am sure will be out in force again.

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In a matter of only one season, Marconi and Northern Spirit have aged to build up a rivalry that normally doesn't build for generations. Last season there were e classic encounters between the two clubs. The first came in Round 15 at North Sydney Oval it was not a good night for Stallion fans. Spirit comprehensively defeated an understrength coni side 4 - 0 before a crowd of 17,507. The inaugural match between the sides at Marconi ium was held in Round 30 last season and although it had no bearing on the semi final race and televised live nationally on the ABC, it again drew a capacity crowd to "The Stable". The Stallions e 1-0 winners on that day and thus set up an immediate two-legged semi final series between the clubs over the ensuing fortnight.

The first leg was held at North Sydney Oval five days later and whilst ending in a goalless draw, it a match that lacking in nothing but goals. The second leg at Marconi Stadium saw the Stallions the spoils with an exciting 2-1 win. Whilst matches between the clubs have always been rtaining affairs, perhaps the greatest legacy they offer is the tremendous crowds that are acted to the games.

We welcome the Spirit supporters today who certainly are very vocal and colourful and really put e passion in the support of their side. It also seems to bring out the best in the Marconi porters who enjoy the banter with the opposition supporters.

On the park the two teams have had differing fortunes so far this season. Marconi started poorly after three rounds had dropped from 9th (Round 1) to 11th (Round 2) and 15th (Round 3). The three rounds and victories have seen the Stallions move up into 4th place. For Spirit, the opposite occurred. After sitting in 3rd position after Round 1, they now find themselves languishing in 15th ition on the table.

Away from home Spirit has conceded 7 goals this season, 43% of which have been conceded in opening twenty minutes of the match. In fact, in all games played this season, Spirit have ceded 50% of their goals in the opening 20 minutes of the games. Furthermore, they have ceded 72% of their goals away from home before half time.

As for scoring goals Spirit have hit the mark only four times away from home. Scoring two ween the 51st and 60th minutes, and one each between the 31st and 40th minute and between

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Spirit	Win	Loss	Loss	Draw	Loss	Loss

rconi Stallions Statistics versus Northern Spirit

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e promising statistic to emerge from the 6 games ni had played so far this season has been our to come from behind. In half of the games played ave been trailing at some stage during the edings, only to increase our efforts and end up something from the game.

Perth we drew 3-3 after being behind 3-2 at one and we managed to take maximum points from y United, ultimately running out 2-1 winners after ding an early own goal. Last week our never-say-itude was again displayed in Newcastle when two d half goals turned a 2-1 deficit into a 3-2 victory. ile some sides seem unable to raise their heads going behind, this current crop of Stallion players shown just how high the level of team spirit is the club.

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well as making our presence felt ON the park, oni is also making their presence known OFF the Huge advertising billboards carrying the Stallions age are starting to pop up throughout Sydney, to the delight of travelling Stallion supporters.

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ther to this new method of exposure, local fans so have noticed that the club has a regular feature e Fairfield Advance, and Coach Eddie Krncevic his views every fortnight in the Fairfield pion.

DRAW THE LINE

Last round's 1-1 draw between Parramatta Power and Gippsland Falcons was somewhat of a novelty, given that it was the only drawn game of the round.

Prior to last week, it was almost as if we were suffering form an epidemic of draws! So far this season there have been 48 games, which have resulted in 19 draws, or 39.58% to be precise.

According to statistical guru Andrew Howe, this puts this current season right up there with the best (or worse) of them, when it comes to drawn games. Previous seasons with the most drawn games are as follows:

SEASON	DRAWS	GAMES	%
1991/1992	60	182	32.9
1990/1991	56	182	30.8
1977	54	182	29.7
1987	46	156	29.5
1986	77	264	29.2

A SPIRITED WELCOME

Finally, a warm welcome to the visiting Spirit supporters tonight. There is nothing quite like a local derby and tonight's atmosphere should be something special. Although our visitors are currently in a trough of poor results, there are very few people who do not expect anything other than a rapid rise up the table for the new boys on the block.

Speaking from a totally biased perspective however, I sincerely hope that our good friends from over the bridge have to endure at least one more week of outs, before they get back on the winning trail!

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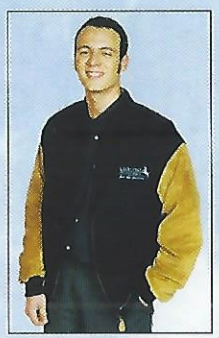

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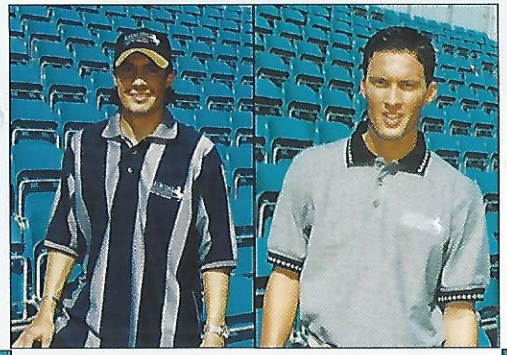

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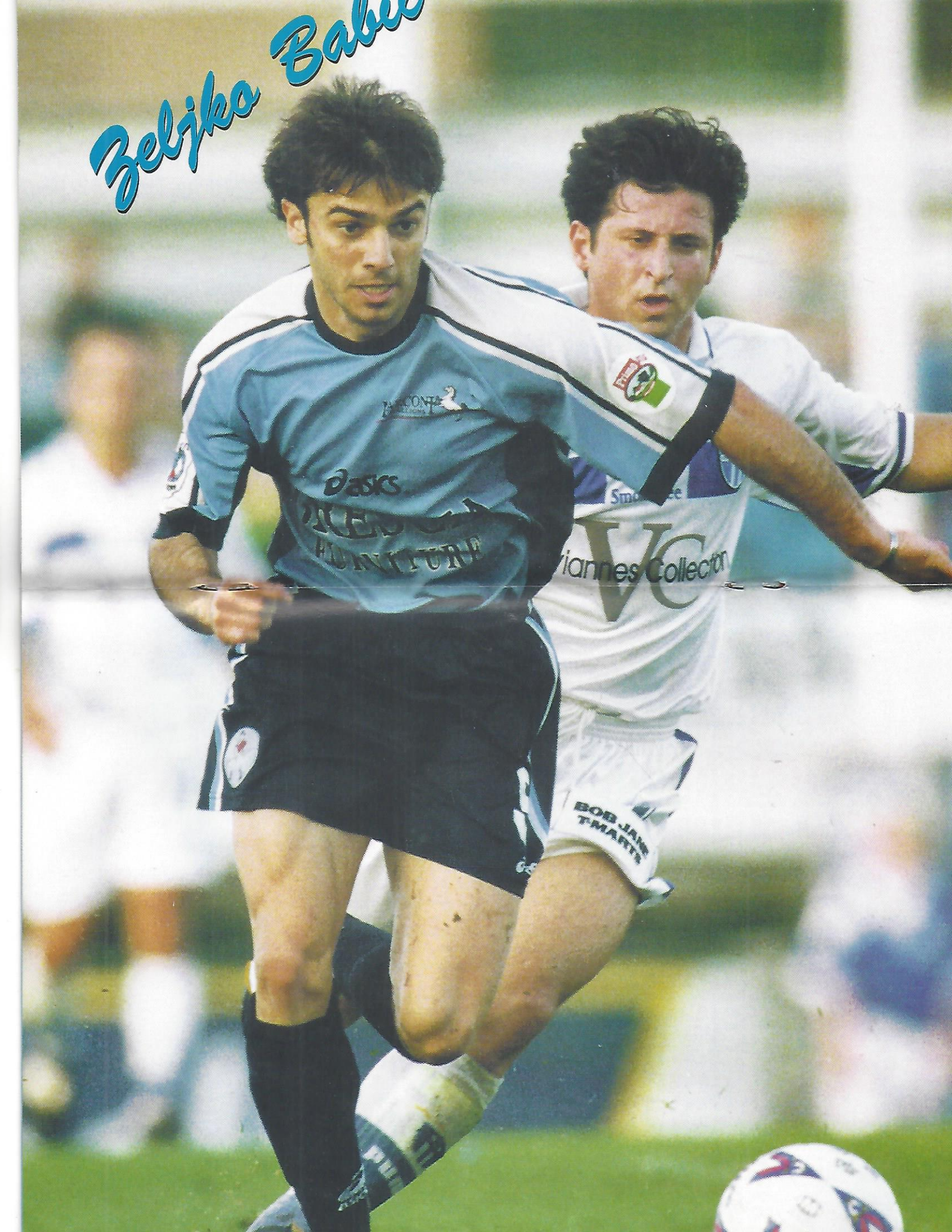
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2	Carlton	6	4	2	0	2-1-0	2-1-0	WD	12	2	14	+10
3	Sydney Olympic	6	3	2	1	0-2-1	3-0-0	WDWL	10	5	11	+5
4	Marconi Stallions	6	3	2	1	1-0-1	2-2-0	LWWW	11	11	11	0
5	South Melbourne	6	3	0	3	3-0-0	0-0-3	LWLW	9	5	9	+4
6	Perth Glory	6	2	3	1	0-2-1	2-1-0	WDDL	9	6	9	+3
7	Wollongong Wolves	6	2	3	1	2-0-1	0-3-0	LDDW	11	11	9	0
8	Kings F.C.	6	2	2	2	1-1-1	1-1-1	WDDW	8	10	8	-2
9	Canberra Cosmos	6	2	1	3	1-1-2	1-0-1	LWDL	7	7	7	0
10	Sydney United	6	2	1	3	2-0-2	0-0-1	DLLW	5	7	7	-2
11	Newcastle Breakers	6	1	3	2	0-2-1	1-1-1	WDLL	9	9	6	0
12	Gippsland Falcons	6	1	3	2	1-1-1	0-2-1	DLWD	4	7	6	-3
13	Parramatta Power	6	1	2	3	1-2-1	0-0-2	LLLD	8	11	5	-3
14	Adelaide Force	6	1	2	3	1-1-0	0-1-3	WDDL	3	7	5	-4
15	Northern Spirit	6	1	1	4	0-0-2	1-1-2	LDLL	4	10	4	-6
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Position	TEAMS	PLAYED	WIN	DRAW	LOSS	GOALS SCORED	GOALS CONCEDED	POINTS
1	Australian Institute of Sport	6	5	0	1	26	4	15
2	Parramatta Power	5	5	0	0	19	1	15
3	Sydney Olympic (Youth)	4	3	1	0	9	2	10
4	Northern Spirit (Youth)	5	3	1	1	7	5	10
5	Northern Spirit (Colts)	5	2	2	1	7	4	8
6	ACT Academy of Sport	5	2	2	1	10	11	8
7	Queensland Academy of Sport	4	2	1	1	15	5	7
8	NSW Institute of Sport	4	2	1	1	6	3	7
9	Sydney Olympic (Academy)	4	2	0	2	10	14	6
10	Wollongong Wolves (Youth)	5	2	0	3	3	7	6
11	Newcastle Breakers (Youth)	6	2	0	4	4	9	6
12	Sydney United (Youth)	3	1	1	1	3	9	4
13	Sydney United (Colts)	6	1	1	4	7	14	4
14	MARCONI STALLIONS (Youth)	3	1	0	2	2	9	3
15	Wollongong Wolves (Colts)	4	0	1	3	4	14	1
16	MARCONI STALLIONS (Colts)	4	0	1	3	0	11	1
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ational youth league report

with

Jean Paul De Marigny (Youth Coach)

and

Sam D'Alessandro (Colts Coach)

YOUTH TEAM

anticipated a few weeks back, the washed out games and sequent catch up matches were going to play a part in season. We played our first catch up game the dnesday prior to the Friday night - Round 6 clash against Newcastle Colts team and defeated them 2-0 here at rconi Stadium.

Having to back up again two days later and face the akers Youth team was always going to be a tough ask unfortunately the legs became weary and the lads cumbed to a 3-0 loss in Newcastle. Having to play two nes in as many days was clearly too much so we look ward to clearing away the washed out fixtures to offer the m a full week of preparation.

We face the NSW Institute of Sport team this afternoon. State Institute team caused a sensational boilover last nd with a 3-0 victory over the competition pacesetting . They will be a difficult opponent and a good test of our dentials for the season.

COLTS TEAM

As we're starting to settle into the season, the current relines don't truly represent the state of our play. The s have worked hard and been creative enough, however e failed to deliver the killer punches in front of goal. We planning for the long haul and need to acknowledge that are a very young team.

With the vast majority of our team coming straight out of ior Youth League, it will certainly take a little bit of time to apt to the pace and strength of National Youth League tball.

We're currently up in Brisbane confronting another match a test of our character. The Queensland Academy of ort is always a daunting task and whilst anticipating tory is a huge expectation, it is important we continue to rn from every experience this season.

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40 Tim West
31 Luke Flynn
32 Daniel Severino
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36 Ryan Manente
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41 Levy Hilton
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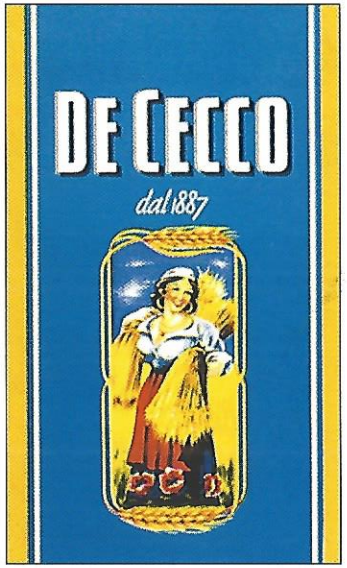

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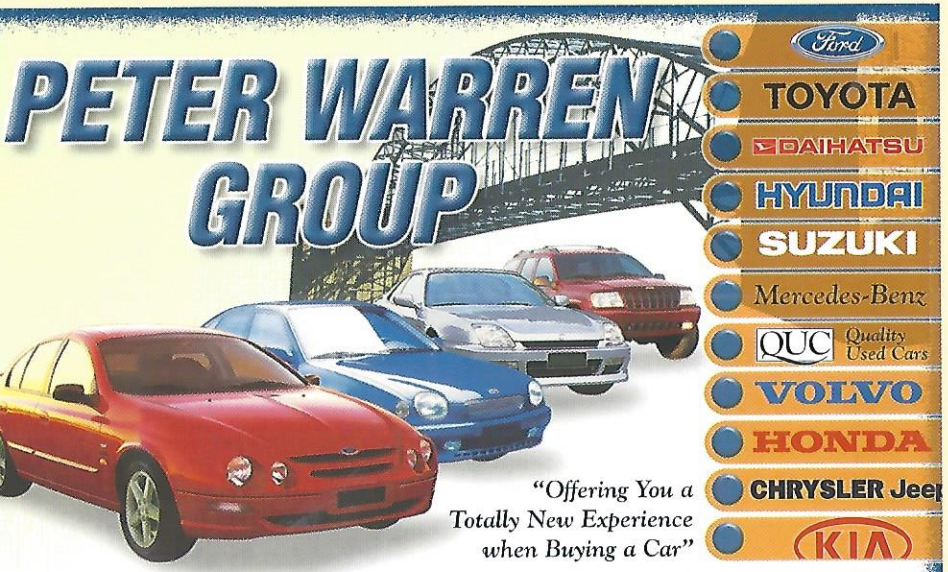

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hottest issue of the past week has been the non-show of Aussie "Wunderkid" Harry Kewell for Australia's rnationals against Brazil. Socceroo fans have certainly vented their spleens and we repeat some comments essed in this issue of STALLIONS.ONLINE

KEWELL OFF NATIONAL DUTY

ls striker Harry Kewell has been withdrawn from Australia's squad to play Brazil this week after United said oungster was not fit enough to play. Kewell, who was originally released for the weekend fixture after a tug-ar between club and country, is said to have picked up calf and ankle injuries in games against Lokomotiv kow and Wimbledon. The Australian F.A. are far from happy at the latest development, with chairman Basil sella telling the Australian Associated Press that the Socceroos would ask FIFA to suspend Kewell from ls' next home game against Bradford on November 20. But Leeds are claiming that they thought Kewell was e flight to Australia. In a statement the club said: "We are very disappointed with the comments attributed to l Scarsella, Chairman of Soccer Australia, as Leeds United will always endeavour to act in total co-operation national associations regarding international call-ups. Leeds United agreed in writing with Soccer Australia lease Harry Kewell for the first game against Brazil on Sunday, November 14 1999. This decision was agreed e chairman Peter Ridsdale and manager David O'Leary and was conveyed directly to Harry Kewell. If for reason Harry Kewell does not intend complying with the required call-up we can only presume that this is a onal decision and one that Harry must decide himself directly with Soccer Australia."

THE REACTION FROM AUSTRALIAN FANS AS THE NEWS BROKE WAS UNDERSTANDABLY IRATE...

st heard on the late news that Leeds are now ning that Harry is injured and won't be able to make trip to Australia even for the first game. Oddly ugh, he didn't seem to have any difficulty playing full game against Wimbledon. If Leeds get away it (again) you can bet that the other EPL teams will notice (Harry Redknapp has already stated as h), and it will get harder and harder for Frank Farina et players released.
really needs to decide how committed they are to roving football outside Europe. If they're mitted, they'll start to do something about forcing clubs to release players. Otherwise they might just vell admit that the future of football is Europe, and rest of the world will just have to get used to being what to do by Euro clubs.

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y Kewell is a good player and may even become a t player, but, if I had any say in it, he would not be ing for us again in any circumstance. If I hadn't him running, riding tackles and shooting with both only a few short hours ago I just may have been uaded of the bonafides of his injury. As it stands, I not.

e can't have him during the European break, then n can we? The awful part is that no doubt all this be forgiven and forgotten and he will waltz into the npic team (if he deigns to) and displace some poor who has made himself available when needed. t a role model for the kids coming through!

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I have tried to remain positive about yet another potential home Socceroo fixture tragedy, but it looks like it's going to eventuate again.
Like so many of us having our fingers burnt and having become disillusioned, I also held off buying tickets, but ultimately relented - after all we're all there for the long haul. What about the not so 'hard core' supporters who may see this as the last straw. Personally, I couldn't care less who came here to play against us so long as we have our best possible side on the park.
After all, they're now the big timers playing in the big leagues, the sort of players we'd go to watch as our opposition. Regardless of whether Harry is genuinely fit or not, who the hell does O'Leary (Leeds Coach) think he is to take his stance.
Would he take the same view with a Republic of Ireland player if they were playing in a similar fixture in say Rio de Janeiro? Anyway, this sort of attitude from foreigners isn't going to go away, so the issue is what is Soccer Australia going to do about it?
The level of commitment of individual players must be examined also. In the naivety of youth, a fixture against Brazil at home would have been like anticipating Christmas, but in the reality of adulthood the first thought when hearing about this fixture was who have I heard of in the Brazilian Olympic team and which will be the most outrageous last minute Socceroo withdrawal.
I'm sick of it.

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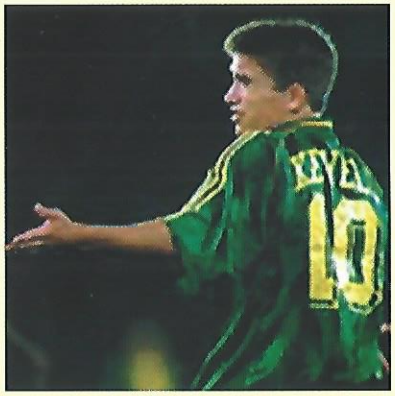

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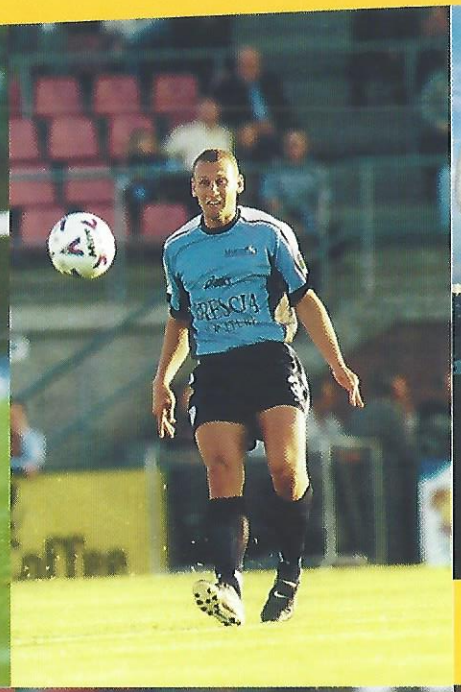

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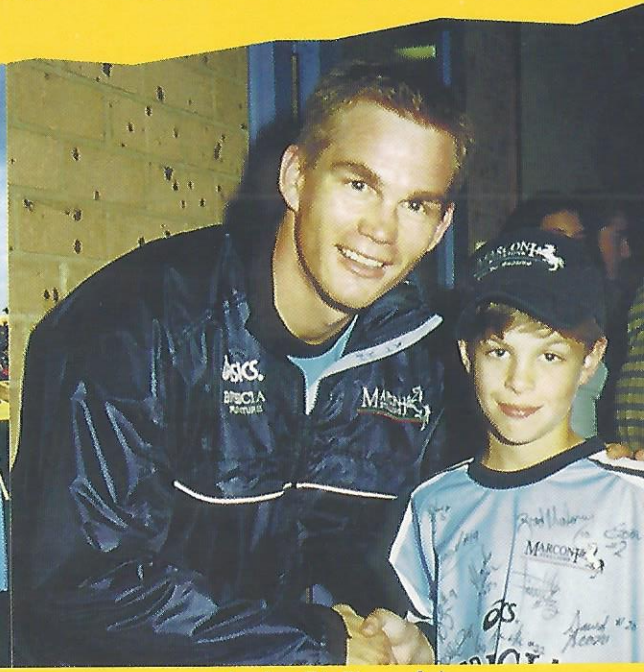

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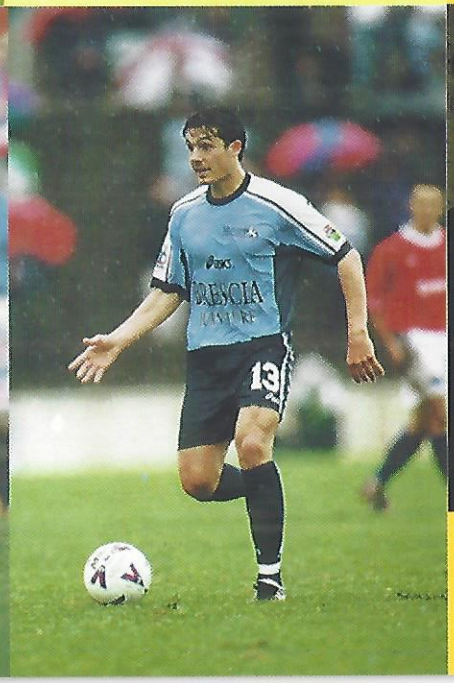

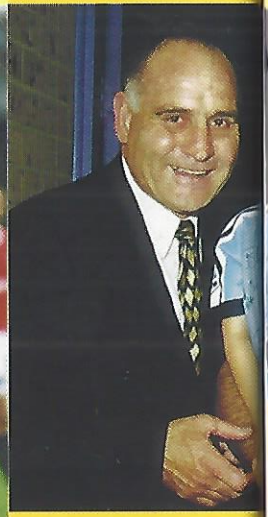

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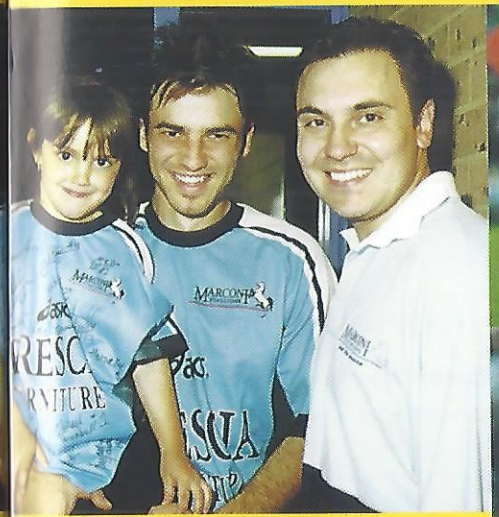

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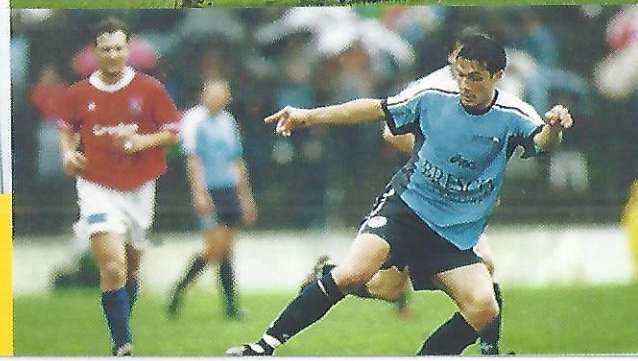

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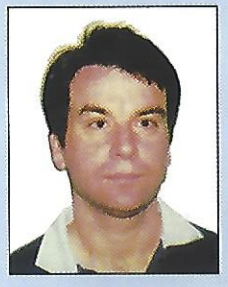

Did you know that...?

by Andrew Howe

OWN GOALS.... Oh Gee!!!

Sydney Olympic's winning goal in Round 5 - an own goal credited to Northern Spirit's Mark Rudan - was the sixth own goal already this season. The other unlucky own goal-getters so far this season are:

- Che Bunce (Kingz FC - Round 1)
- Louis Brain (Adelaide Force - Round 2)
- Paul Magdic (Melbourne Knights - Round 3)
- Dominic Longo (Marconi Stallions - Round 4)
- Vince Savocca (Sydney United - Round 4)

The six own goals scored so far this season represents 4.8% of all 124 goals scored after Round 6. If this trend continues, the 1990/2000 season is set to be the most ìown-goalishî on record.

MOST "OWN-GOAL" PROLIFIC NSL SEASONS

National Soccer League Season	Own Goals	Total Goals	Own Goals as a % of Total Goals
1999/2000*	6	124	4.8
1978	23	532	4.3
1989/90	17	513	3.3
1992/93	18	554	3.2
1983	19	638	3.0

*As of after the conclusion of Round 6

Other Interesting "Oh Gee" Facts....

The highest number of own goals scored in one season was 23 in 1978. The least number scored in one season was 6 in 1993/94.

- Marconi is the club that has benefited from the most own goals in the NSL, with 29 scored for the Stallions since 1977.
- South Melbourne have benefited next most (24), followed by Olympic (18), APIA Leichhardt (17) and the Adelaide Sharks (14).

The most own goals awarded to a team in one season is four. The clubs to have been gifted with this free scoring are:

Sydney City (1978 season)
Marconi (1978 and 1993/94)
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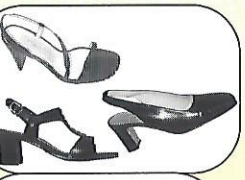

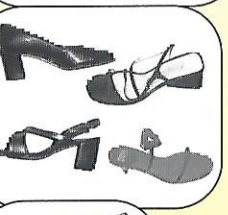

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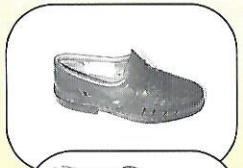

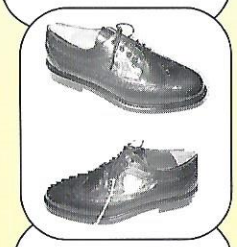

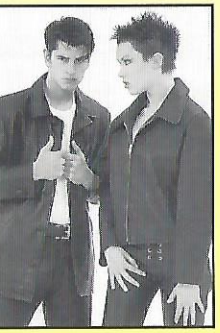

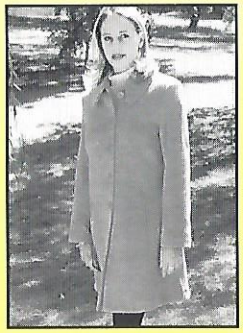

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